



IMPORTANT DATES

Food Drive	Oct 4-22
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	Oct 11
MTS PD Day (No Classes)	Oct 22

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2021

Dear GVS Community,

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing colour and the temperatures are starting to dip to single digits. With the start of fall, we want to acknowledge and wish all of our farming families much safety and bountiful crops during this harvest season. Fall is a spectacular time of the year with all of the rich colors that mother nature puts on display for all of us to enjoy.

We were off to a VERY busy start to the 2021-2022 school year. Strong Connections, Picture Day, Terry Fox Run, kick off to the FCC Food Drive and observing the first annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

With all of the activities and excitement that come with these events, our students have been able to settle nicely into their new learning environments. Making new friends and getting to know new teachers has been a very memorable start for our students and staff.

Our school community at GVS will be very busy for the month of October. Our extra-curricular programs are in full swing. Our school wide social justice program this year continues to be the FCC Food Drive. We would like to thank our parents and community members in advance for their continued support in helping GVS bring in food for the Grunthal Helping Hands. We certainly could not reach our projected goals without the support from our community members.

GVS Band students will be putting on their first ever virtual band concert. GVS will be sending out an invitation for parents to view this year's concert from the comfort of their own home.

Parents/Guardians are reminded that if they have any concerns surrounding their child's progress, parents are asked to connect with their child's teacher. Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have about what is happening in their learning environment on a daily basis. Teachers can be reached via email or by phone. We as a staff truly appreciate the open lines of communication we establish with the parents of our school community.

Parents that are needing to drop off any personal or school items are asked to leave the items in the bins that are located outside of the main entrance. We sincerely appreciate your attention and your cooperation with this.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please remember: Thanksgiving is a time to give, a time to love, and a time to reflect on the things that matter most. HAVE A HAPPY, BLESSED AND SAFE THANKSGIVING.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel
Principal

SY SPORTS

This fall sports seasons are upon us and our soccer, cross country and volleyball are preparing for a busy month of October.

GV-SP (Green Valley – Ecole Heritage St-Pierre) Soccer teams continue to battle hard, as they work their way toward Zone Championships in Niverville, on October 7. Good luck to both teams on their remaining games this season, as well as zones.

Our cross country running teams are busy training for zones, which will be held at the Pine Falls Golf Course on October 6.

September has been full of practices for all of our Varsity boys and girls volleyball teams, as they prepare to get their league schedules, which will get underway at the beginning of October. For league results, you can check out <https://www.mhsaa.ca/schools/view/166/green-valley-school>. At this point in time, all league games will take place without spectators.

A reminder to all our student athletes that all contracts must be completed and athletic fees paid to the general office. A failure to pay fees will result in ineligibility of the athlete to play in league games and tournaments.

To access the GVS athletics calendar for practices, league games, zone and Provincial Championship dates, visit <https://gvs.hsd.ca/sports-calendar/> and access the Pirates calendar.



MY SPORTS

GVS is just coming off doing our annual Terry Fox Run which was held on September 29. All of our PE classes walked, jogged or ran in support of Terry. The school continued to donate funds through our Toonie for Terry campaign.

On September 28, around 30 grade 5 and 6 students competed in our very own cross country run held at the Grunthal Centennial Park. Green Valley School used to host the Hanover run years ago and it was nice to bring the run back home, even if it was just for our own students. Fun was had by all! The placements of our Fun Run are:

Grade 5 Girls: Syliva Huska (first), Avery Driedger (second), Emma Bergen (third)
Grade 5 Boys: Brenden Steeves (first) Coen Doerksen (second) Ethan Rempel (third)
Grade 6-8 Girls: Jada Dunn-Rupert (first) Charlie Smith (second) Ava Elias (third)
Grade 6-8 Boys: Payton Heibert (first) Liam Driedger (second) Caydon Saunderson (third)



Volleyball practices are ongoing in hopes that we will have a season in which to play. We are awaiting further news on that front. In the meantime coaches are getting our students up to speed on their volleyball skills and the students are enjoying their first few practices. Our coaching staff includes Anna Persowich (gr 7 girls), Ken Friesen (gr 7 boys), Connor Wiebe (gr 8 girls) and Sheldon Hill / Randy Fast (gr 8 boys). Let's hope that we will be allowed to play other schools in the near future. Let's Go Pirates!

If any parents are interested in coaching basketball or badminton this year, please come in to the school to fill out necessary paperwork to enable one to coach. Questions, feel free to call Sheldon Hill at the school.

GVS PRIDEWEAR

We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Pridewear through our online store! The store offers a wide range of wear including hats, hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants and bags from brands such as Under Armour, Champion and Russell. You can check out the wear at <https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com/> or follow the link on our website. All orders are completed and paid for online and can ship right to your door or to the school for pickup.



UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

For students in grade 12 who plan to attend a university or college in the fall of 2022, consider applying as soon as you can. Spots fill up, especially in colleges. Also, students applying to universities, their applications should be submitted by March 1st, 2022 in order to be eligible for entrance scholarships. If you or your children have any questions about any of these, please contact our school counsellor, Mr. Cam Gerbrandt.

WELLNESS

Pre-pandemic, only about 17% of Canadian students were getting the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to high intensity physical activity per day. However, even though this was already very low, this rate plunged to only 3% by December 2021. Regular, daily physical activity is hugely important to mental and physical health. Getting children to set aside some time each day for activity can go a long way to prevent many mental health issues. Contact our school counsellor, Mr. Cam Gerbrandt, if you need suggestions on ways to get your kids active.

FCC FOOD DRIVE

Green Valley School and the Grunthal Caring Hands food bank would like to ask you to participate in this year's food drive from October 4-21. Due to the unusual circumstances of the past 18 months, many more families are in need of the local food bank. Bins will be stationed at all the entrances of Green Valley School starting next week Monday, October 4. Students can drop off donations of non-perishable food items as they are entering the school. Suggested items are listed below. Grade level competition and draw prizes. Donations will be picked up regularly.

The most needed non-perishable items are:

Tomato soup, other canned soup, pasta sauce and pasta, rice, canned tomatoes, pork & beans, ready to serve items such as chunky soup or Alphagetti/Zoodles, Kraft Dinner, canned vegetables, boxed cereal, flour and sugar.

EXTRAS:

Shampoo & Conditioner,

Baby Food & Formula, Toilet paper, Laundry Detergent, Diapers, Feminine Hygiene products.



TOKTWD

November 3 is Take Our Kid to Work Day (TOKWD). In a normal year, grade 9 students would go with a parent, a relative, or a community host and experience the world of work for the day rather than going to school. This gives all grade 9 students in the province a chance to experience the world of work through job shadowing a parent, relative or family friend. This year, due to the pandemic, TOKWD will not occur as normal. School class will remain on the track system. However, students will cover the TOKWD experiences in their Lifeworks classes, either in semester 1 or semester 2. GVS encourages parents/guardians to discuss the world of work with their children: What do they really like about their job? What is not so great? What is one important lesson working has taught them?